

Application for Candidacy - 2023 Peninsula Community Planning Board



**Deadline to submit completed application:
5:00 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 2022
For Special Election Thursday July 20 from 4 to 6 pm**

Name: ___ Maximilian Apodaca _____

Occupation / Employment: _____ Software Engineer _____

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1. Identify your affiliation within the Peninsula Community. Include property address, number of years in residence, and business name if applicable.

Property Owner (sole or partial owner of record of real property within the peninsula community):

Resident (address of primary residence within the peninsula community):

Local Business Person (a local business or not-for-profit owner or operator at a non-residential real property address within the peninsula community):

Board use only - Verified by elections subcommittee member:

2. List any education / experiences which you feel qualify you for this job:

While I may be new to the planning board scene, I bring a fresh perspective that can contribute valuable insights to the discussions. I am eager to learn and fully immerse myself in the intricacies of Point Loma's planning board. My passion lies in advocating for walkable cities and enhancing access for everyone in Point Loma, including children, individuals who cannot drive, or those who choose not to. Drawing from my personal experiences, I grew up partially in San Diego, where I was reliant on my parents for transportation to visit friends until I could drive myself. In contrast, during summers spent abroad, I had the freedom to actively engage in society without this transportation barrier. This contrast has highlighted for me the importance of creating a community where all residents have greater accessibility and independence, regardless of their age or mode of transportation. I firmly believe that fostering a more inclusive and walkable Point Loma should be a significant goal we strive towards as a community.

3. Provide your involvement (years) or memberships in local community / business organizations:

I have actively participated in the traffic and transportation subcommittee as well as the long-range planning subcommittee of the board, providing updates on the draft Central Mobility Hub study presented by SANDAG during recent meetings. Additionally, I have attended all board meetings since the last election, demonstrating my commitment to staying informed and actively contributing to the decision-making processes. This involvement has provided me with valuable insights into the community's issues and concerns, equipping me to make well-informed decisions and effectively represent their interests as a board member.

4. Share your special interests, expertise or philosophy as it relates to the Peninsula Community:

The Peninsula Community boasts breathtaking surroundings, embraced by the expanse of the ocean on either side. It stands as a distinct and separate entity within San Diego, yet unfortunately, crossing it without a car can prove to be quite arduous. In light of this, I firmly believe that our guiding principle in developing the Peninsula should revolve around enhancing walkability, bikability, and adopting a vision zero approach. It is truly disheartening to witness such a remarkable area being cut off from the rest of San Diego due to inadequate infrastructure. Every individual, regardless of their chosen mode of transportation, should be able to embark on a safe and enjoyable journey, whether it involves riding from Kellogg Beach to Old Town or venturing from Sunset Cliffs to Liberty Station.

5. Share anything you wish to accomplish as a member of the board:

As a member of the board, my main objective would be to contribute to the development of a comprehensive long-range plan that enhances the Peninsula while preserving the qualities that have attracted many residents to this area. It would be crucial to carefully consider any potential changes to the character of the buildings in order to maintain the unique neighborhood atmosphere.

Simultaneously, I would actively work towards addressing pressing issues that will shape the future of the Peninsula, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, implementing a vision zero strategy for safer streets, and tackling housing affordability. A more immediate goal that would fit into these categories would be to advocate for improving the cycling infrastructure through recommendations on lane markings.

However, the most important aspect would be to interact with the community. As a board member, I would prioritize engaging with the residents of the Peninsula, seeking their input, and ensuring that their concerns and needs are at the forefront of our decision-making process. After all, the board would be beholden to the residents of the Peninsula, and my responsibility would be to serve and represent their best interests.

6. Below is a current list of the standing committees and liaisons of the PCPB. Check any in which you would be interested in joining or supporting.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic and Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Liberty Station / Naval Training Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Code Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Review |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Midway Community Planning Group (Liaison) |

I am willing to chair a committee.

I am able to attend the monthly PCPB meetings and any additional meetings which may occur.

I am at least 18 eighteen years old.

Signed:_____Maximilian Apodaca_____ Date: ___June 25th 2023 _____

Please submit your completed application to the Election Chair at Margaret Virissimo at mvirissimo01@gmail.com and email with a copy to pcpbsd@gmail.com.

Completed, vetted and accepted PCPB applications will be posted on the pcpb.net website.